

# Enrollment Priority Groups

Fact Sheet 164-2

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Priority Group	Definition
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 50% or more disabling</li> <li>Veterans determined by VA to be unemployable due to service-connected conditions</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 30% or 40% disabling</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veterans who are Former Prisoners of War (POWs)</li> <li>Veterans awarded a Purple Heart medal</li> <li>Veterans whose discharge was for a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty</li> <li>Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 10% or 20% disabling</li> <li>Veterans awarded special eligibility classification under Title 38, U.S.C., Section 1151, "benefits for individuals disabled by treatment or vocational rehabilitation"</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veterans who are receiving aid and attendance or housebound benefits from VA</li> <li>Veterans who have been determined by VA to be catastrophically disabled</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nonservice-connected veterans and noncompensable service-connected veterans rated 0% disabled whose annual income and net worth are below the VA established thresholds</li> <li>Veterans receiving VA pension benefits</li> <li>Veterans eligible for Medicaid programs</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World War I veterans</li> <li>Mexican Border War veterans</li> <li>Compensable 0% service-connected veterans</li> <li>Veterans solely seeking care for disorders associated with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exposure to herbicides while serving in Vietnam</li> <li>Exposure to ionizing radiation during atmospheric testing or during the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki</li> <li>Service in the Gulf War</li> <li>Illness possibly related to participation in Project 112/SHAD</li> <li>Service in combat in a war after the Gulf War or during a period of hostility after November 11, 1998 are eligible for VA health care for two years following discharge from military service for combat related conditions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veterans with income and/or net worth above the VA established threshold and income below the HUD geographic index who agree to pay copays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subpriority a: Noncompensable 0% service-connected veterans who were enrolled in the VA health care system on a specified date and who have remained enrolled since that date</li> <li>Subpriority c: Nonservice-connected veterans who were enrolled in the VA health care system on a specified date and who have remained enrolled since that date</li> <li>Subpriority e: Noncompensable 0% service-connected veterans not included in Subpriority a above</li> <li>Subpriority g: Nonservice-connected veterans not included in Subpriority c above</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veterans with income and/or net worth above the VA established threshold and the HUD geographic index who agree to pay copays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subpriority a: Noncompensable 0% service-connected veterans enrolled as of January 16, 2003 and who have remained enrolled since that date</li> <li>Subpriority c: Nonservice-connected veterans enrolled as of January 16, 2003 and who have remained enrolled since that date</li> <li>Subpriority e**: Noncompensable 0% service-connected veterans applying for enrollment after January 16, 2003</li> <li>Subpriority g**: Nonservice-connected veterans applying for enrollment after January 16, 2003</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**\*\*Note: Veterans assigned to Priority Groups 8e or 8g are not eligible for enrollment as a result of the enrollment restriction which suspended enrolling new high-income veterans who apply for care after January 16, 2003. Veterans enrolled in Priority Groups 8a or 8c will remain enrolled and eligible for the full-range of VA health care benefits.**